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### FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST GRANT ROAD AND NORTH THIRD AVENUE

On the evening of December 23, 2011, a Tucson Police Department officer patrolling in the area of East Grant Road and North Third Avenue located an adult male lying on the side of the roadway. Further investigation regarding the male provided indications that he had been involved in a motor vehicle collision. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the area and learned that a vehicle had in fact struck the male. The male was suffering from life threatening injuries. Tucson Fire Department personnel also responded to the scene. They transported the male to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. The male, later identified as a **Native American male named Daryl Chee, 56-years of age**, succumbed to injuries that he received during the collision. He was pronounced deceased on the afternoon of December 29, 2011. Next of kin have been notified.

On the night of the incident, detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the area of East Grant Road and North Third Avenue in order to conduct a more thorough investigation. They evaluated and collected the roadway evidence as well as conducted interviews with the driver of the vehicle that was involved in the collision and witnesses to the collision. The detectives learned that the driver of a **2008 Volvo C70** was driving eastbound in the curb lane of East Grant Road. Mr. Chee was walking southbound, crossing East Grant Road at North Third Avenue. There was no crosswalk at the intersection. Mr. Chee was wearing dark clothing. The driver of the vehicle struck Mr. Chee as both were passing through the intersection. The driver of the vehicle was determined to not be at fault for the collision. There was no indication that the driver of the vehicle was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. In addition, speed did not appear to be a factor in the collision. The driver remained in the area and fully participated in the investigation. He is not expected to receive any criminal or civil citations as a result of the incident.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2010 - 46	For 2011 - 48
12 Pedestrian	18 Pedestrian
3 Bicycle	2 Bicycle
8 Motorcycle	11 Motorcycle

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